

The Society for Creative Anachronism



Picture a meadow ringed with bright pavilions, with pennons flying overhead. Noble lords and ladies watch the center of the meadow, where knights in armor strive with sword and shield. Minstrels play lutes and harps, singing songs of love or battle. In the shadows of one tent, a King and Queen confer soberly with richly-dressed advisors.

A historical romance? No, this is the **Society for Creative Anachronism**. The SCA is an international non-profit educational organization, dedicated to the preservation, research and recreation of the crafts, arts, and experiences of the Middle Ages and Renaissance.

Unlike a Renaissance Faire, the SCA is participatory – no-one is simply a spectator. All the attendees play a part in creating the atmosphere by reenacting whatever aspects of the Middle Ages and Renaissance Medieval life interest them the most.



The Arts & Sciences

Members of the SCA learn about the past by researching period arts, crafts, and traditions and then experience history by recreating it. There are many such crafts and arts you can learn and practice in the Society, including:

- ❖ Armoring
- ❖ Calligraphy & Illumination
- ❖ Ceramics & Pottery
- ❖ Cooking
- ❖ Costuming
- ❖ Dancing
- ❖ Fiber arts
(weaving, spinning, etc)
- ❖ Gardening & Herbalism
- ❖ Heraldry
- ❖ Leatherworking
- ❖ Medieval games
- ❖ Metalworking
- ❖ Music (vocal and instrumental)
- ❖ Needlework
- ❖ Poetry & Literature
- ❖ Woodworking

...and many more!

You can see artisans practicing their skills at workshops and events. They may also display their work at events in exhibitions and contests.

Martial Activities

Martial activities in the SCA include:

- ❖ Armored Combat
- ❖ Fencing
- ❖ Target Archery
- ❖ Combat Archery
- ❖ Thrown Weapons
- ❖ Siege Weapons
- ❖ Youth armor activities
- ❖ Equestrian activities

Each activity has various types of tournaments and competitions. In addition, there are strict safety standards and rules. All of the activities are supervised by "marshals", who enforce and maintain the safety standards. As in any other sport, participants are trained to ensure everyone's safety.

Minors may take part in Youth armored activities, Target Archery activities, and Equestrian activities with parental authorization.



Events

SCA events are held somewhere almost every weekend of the year. Participants travel from near and far to take part in the day's (or weekend's) activities, which can include tournaments, dancing, performances, Royal Court, arts exhibits, workshops, and a grand feast.

Attendees wear clothing appropriate to the Middle Ages or Renaissance (pre-1600's). If you do not have something to wear to your first event, our Newcomers' Liaison (see back of pamphlet) has loaner costumes that you can borrow.

We welcome you to attend our local meetings and events. Details can be found in the SCA group newsletters and websites.



Contact us

Our local SCA chapter, **Terra Pomaria**, covers **Lincoln, Marion and Polk Counties**.

We host three or more events a year, plus monthly general meetings (known as "Ceilidh"), Combat and Archery practices, and Arts and Sciences workshops.

Please visit our website for a listing of our events and activities:

<http://terrapomaria.antir.sca.org/>

You can also contact our Newcomers' Liaison: **Robert the Blacksmith**,
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More details on all aspects of the SCA are available on-line at www.sca.org



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